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4. The problems which have been harassing RS-6 production now have been licked and equipment is arriving at the warehouse at the rate of two to three hundred per month.

5. We know you've been reading a lot about the transistor these days, and thought you'd like to know that we are participating in a transistor research program with one of the major radio research and manufacturing concerns. As soon as this program indicates that reliable transistors with consistent characteristics can be produced, we plan to enter an equipment development program. A status report on transistors is being prepared and will be distributed in the near future.

6. Some of you indicated a need for a small battery operated code practice oscillator such as the transistor model described in a recent radio publication. Because transistors are still not considered to have long life, we built up a small neon tube relaxation oscillator of similar size with approxi-

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approximately the same performance characteristics. If you are interested we'll be glad to send the details for local construction; or we can make up small quantities if you like.

7. Approximately one-half of the production of 2ST (Class C) mobile units have been received from the manufacturer minus transmitters URT-11. Latest information indicates that delivery of the transmitters will commence late in July.

8. The 6ST (Class B) mobile unit is in the process of contract negotiation. If the manufacturer complies with provisions contained in the specifications, the first unit should be delivered by the year end. Final inspection and test should make this unit available for delivery by March 1954.

9. Small items of communications equipment such as Control Unit CP-4, Antenna Coupler TAC-1, and Multiplex Links are in the contract negotiation stage. Production forecast on these items of equipment indicate that they should be available for delivery in 90 to 120 days.

10. The Administrative Staff has begun recalculation of norm listings for grades 7 thru 12 which will be effective August 1, 1953 for 12 months following that date. For this coming year, norm data material will be recorded on IBM system cards which will assure the board of a completely flexible system for review of rotation and promotion actions on all individuals in these grade categories assigned to the office. In the case of those individuals below grade 7, the Administrative office is reviewing the names of all individuals in the category in order that no person will be by-passed or overlooked for promotion.

11. I should like to again stress the importance of reduction in cable traffic. There is considerable emphasis being placed on such reduction in conjunction with their economy program and consequently considerable emphasis is being placed on it here in headquarters. While some areas have had a definite reduction in outgoing cables, others seem to have increased. The Signal Center statistics show that incoming cable totals have lessened to a degree, but group count has increased which indicates that while you are sending fewer messages, they are becoming more verbose. The Deputy KUBARK has just this week, instructed me to form a task force to study this subject. The Task group will consist of members

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